

I respectfully request that you support HB 5534 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY. This bill will update the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians in the state of Connecticut and will provide many more primary care physicians to the citizens of our state. Many other states that license Naturopathic physicians have allowed prescription drug authority for years and the overall safety record is excellent. This modernized scope of practice will support and strengthen the University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine program which is the only one on the east coast. The University of Bridgeport Naturopathic Medicine program will be stronger, attract the most qualified students who will be more likely to stay and practice medicine here. Lastly, passage of this bill will allow the University of Bridgeport clinics that see over 25 thousand patients per year to provide many more primary care services for the underserved people of this state. Thank you very much for your time; I strongly believe this bill will strengthen and improve the healthcare system in Connecticut for everyone.

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